# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
# LOK SABHA

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EXPORT OF FRUITS TO ASIAN COUNTRIES
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**Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:**

(a) the present position of India`s export to Fareast and Southeast Asian countries in respect of fruits and vegetables;

(b) whether Japan has shown keen interest in importing fruits from India, especially mangoes;

(c) if so, whether India has started exports of mangoes to Japan;

(d) if so, the quantum and value of mangoes exported to various countries, including Japan, country-wise; and

(e) the steps being taken to increase the export of other fruits and vegetables?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ( SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE )

(a): India`s export of fruits and vegetables to Fareast and Southeast Asian countries during the last two years are as follows:

| Year | Quantity in MTs | Value in Rs. crores |
|---|---|---|
| 2001-02 | 5,07,813 | 423.36 |
| 2002-03 | 5,50,149 | 377.60 |

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

(b)& c): No, Sir. Exports to Japan face non-tariff barriers and are insubstantial.

(d) The total quantum and value of exports of mangoes to various countries during last three years are as under:-

Export of Mangoes (2000-01 to 2002-03)

| Country | 2000-01 | | 2001-02 | | 2002-03 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Qty(Kgs) | Value (Rs) | Qty(Kgs) | Value (Rs) | Qty(Kgs) | Value (Rs) |
| Bangladesh | 21426825 | 232356944 | 21033736 | 241040343 | 13392850 | 138854302 |
| U.K. | 842707 | 34026148 | 1372870 | 45418724 | 1227568 | 53207383 |
| Kuwait | 940486 | 30360437 | 984700 | 30981634 | 807408 | 37363589 |
| Saudi Arabia | 2111693 | 47022478 | 2942882 | 66198115 | 2085023 | 68151442 |
| Singapore | 302634 | 15218046 | 321928 | 11601997 | 292556 | 12224425 |
| Bahrain | 443202 | 14119916 | 596898 | 20066798 | 866887 | 23493478 |
| Netherlands | 326284 | 14908681 | 301122 | 10779734 | 54720 | 2422111 |
| U.S.A | 716433 | 19832231 | 730689 | 16272953 | 467912 | 10453529 |
| U.A.E | 6859385 | 187294615 | 12809549 | 281877115 | 14033563 | 370331501 |
| Sub Total | 33969649 | 595139496 | 41094374 | 724237413 | 33228487 | 716501760 |
| Others | 3140022 | 90931238 | 2334956 | 85676048 | 4774946 | 125442044 |
| Total | 37109671 | 686070734 | 44429330 | 809913461 | 38003433 | 841943804 |

(Source: DGCI&S, Kolkata)

(e) Some of the steps initiated by APEDA for increasing the volume of exports of fruits and vegetables are as under:-

- Participation in important trade fairs to promote export of fresh produce and processed foods.
- Organisation of Buyer-Seller Meet.
- Publicity and information dissemination.
- Implementation of the concept of Agri Export Zones (AEZ).
- Providing financial assistance schemes to improve quality of fruits.